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College to Sponsor Second Relay For Life Team

For the second year in a row, Potomac State College of WVU will be sponsoring a relay team at the Mineral County *Relay For Life* benefit for the American Cancer Society. This event will take place on Friday, June 18 through Saturday, June 19 at Clark Field in Keyser.

According to Deanna Armentrout, Chair of the Service Committee, "The *Relay For Life* is a fun event in which teams of at least eight people raise funds to directly benefit the American Cancer Society and to raise awareness of how prevalent cancer is in this area."

The event begins at 6 p.m. on Friday and last until 11 a.m. on Saturday. The first lap of the relay is dedicated to cancer survivors participating in the event. Luminaries are lit to honor survivors and to remember those who have passed on. From the time the teams begin walking until the last lap on Saturday, at least one member from each team is on the track. Food, music and entertainment are provided throughout the event. "It's like an all-night community party for a great cause," added Armentrout.

Team members pay a \$10 registration fee and receive a "Relay For Life" t-shirt; however, if you are unable to participate in the event, you can still help the team raise funds to fight cancer.

To learn more about how you can join the fight against cancer, contact Armentrout at (304) 788-6954 or by e-mail at DLBrooke@mail.wvu.edu.



Last years *Relay for Life* had a mixture of students, faculty, staff and former students including (l-r) Andrew Herndon, Julie Pritts, Mimi Vandenberg, Dinah Courier, Randy Adams, Deanna Armentrout, and Jason Armentrout.

Fall 2004 Tuition to Hold, Modest Board Increase

Students coming to campus Fall 2004 will see the same billing rates as Fall 2003, except for a 4 percent increase in board costs associated with meal plans. Room rates will remain the same as the 2003/2004 academic year.

The West Virginia University Board of Governors and the Higher Education Policy Commission approved the College's request to hold tuition and fees at the same levels as the previous year aside from the modest increase in board rates.

The 4 percent increase in board rate translates into \$48 more for the 19-meal

plan per week for a semester total of \$1,250 and \$43 more for the 15-meal plan per week for a semester total of \$1,130. The difference between the two meal plans is that the 19-meal plan includes weekend brunches and dinners.

The commuter meal plan will see an increase of \$9 for the 50-meal plan per semester for a total of \$241 and the 25-meal plan will increase by \$5 per semester for a total of \$227.

Tuition rates will remain at \$1,119 per semester for a full-time, residential student and \$3,786 for a full-time, nonresidential student.

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Graduation Reminders

Faculty and staff are reminded of the Second Annual "Graduation Celebration" on Friday, May 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the Potomac Café. There will be music, food and a slide presentation featuring the graduates' years at Potomac State College.

Administrators, faculty and staff planning to participate in graduation should be robed and ready to line up at 10:45 a.m. in the band room, in the Church-McKee Arts Center, Room 111, this Saturday, May 8.

Transition Retreat Focuses on Student Affairs, Academic Affairs

On Monday, April 26, approximately 10 staff and faculty from Potomac State College met with their counterparts from West Virginia University for an all-day retreat to discuss transition-related issues regarding student and academic affairs. The event was held at the Westvaco Natural Resources Center near Cheat Lake.

Topics addressed during the Academic Affairs sessions included: special programs such as the Honors and Study Abroad Programs, the offering of Developmental and Distance Learning Courses, assessment, faculty reporting lines, student advising, policies and procedures, and the Early Start Program.

The Student Affairs sessions covered:

housing assignments and facilities and services, staff training, residence life, publications, student life, Student Government Association, student activities/recreation, TRIO Program, career services, and counseling and mental health services.

Russ Dean, Senior Associate Provost at WVU, who is co-chairing the Transition Steering Committee along with PSC's Interim President Kerry Odell, stated that he thought the two groups made great progress and that the Steering Committee will meet again in August and will continue with meetings into the next year in order to have the major issues resolved by July 1, 2005, when PSC becomes a full division of WVU.

Both Dr. Dean and Dr. Odell thanked the participants for their time and efforts.

Those participating from Potomac State College included: Douglas Wilmes, Beth Little, Harlan Shreve, René Trezise, Dinah Courier, Fred Jacoby, Gary Seldomridge, Bill Letrent, Molly Alvaro, Tim Nichols, Shawn White, and Mark McDonald.

Those participating from WVU included: Cheryl Torsney, Anita Mayer, Brenda Thompson, Joan Gorham, Sue Day-Perroots, Keith Garbutt, Don Weiner, Gabrielle St.Léger, Cheng Khoo, Chris Wilkinson, Robin Jones, Rhonda Hall, Corey Farris, and David Stewart.

Life Science Club Plans Trip to Bahamas

The Life Science Club at Potomac State College of WVU has been busy planning their annual end-of-year trip. The club, whose adviser is Instructor of Biology Timothy Turner, will be traveling to the Bahamas with 17 club members, and three chaperones for a three-night stay at the Crown Plaza Country Club.

There will be a lot of free time to enjoy the beach, straw markets, food, and culture of the Bahamas. However, the club is planning to go on a snorkeling safari to get a first-hand look at the underwater fauna of this part of the Caribbean. Students will be able to observe the various flora and fauna

of the Bahamas in their natural habitat.

"The students have worked very hard this year with activities on campus and through fundraisers. They have shown a great deal of leadership, so it's nice for them to be rewarded with a potential once in a lifetime trip," commented Turner.

The club will be leaving BWI in Baltimore on Tuesday, May 11 and returning Friday, May 14. The club is paying for half the costs with various fundraisers that have been going on throughout the year and the students are paying for the other half, plus their food and spending money.



Biology Professor Tim Turner, left, advisor to the Life Science Club, and members of the club meet to finalize plans for their trip to the Bahamas in May.

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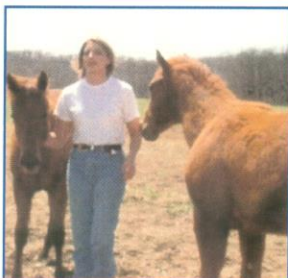
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Potomac State College Welcomes New Employees to the Campus Community

Potomac State College of WVU is pleased to welcome the following individuals to the campus community:

Angela Kirk is the farm supervisor and is currently working with the horses. She graduated from WVU with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal and veterinary science. She is also a graduate of Potomac State College.



Angela Kirk

Kirk has worked as a riding instructor and trainer at the Rockin'K Farm in Alderson, WV, and as an

assistant to the extension agent in Lewisburg, WV. She is a member of several organizations and has volunteered at fairs, workshops and clinics involving various types of livestock.

Mary Dolly and **Theresa Marsh**, have both been named Food Service Assistants II in the Potomac Café.

Lisa Ahava is the College's new physician assistant in the Student Health Center.

Dr. Bilal Itani is the College's new medical director in the Student Health Center. Dr. Itani has been practicing medicine in the Keyser area for the past 10 years.

Fall 2004 Tuition Holds

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"The rationale for making the decision to hold the tuition and fees relates to tuition and fee rates at surrounding institutions and allowing Potomac State College to retain its competitiveness in the region," stated Interim President Kerry Odell. "We also want to ensure that the positive enrollment gains the College has made over the years continues."

Over the past few years, state appropriations for higher education have been reduced significantly. Potomac State College's appropriations have gone from \$4.724 million in 2002-2003 to \$4.018 million for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, nearly a 15 percent reduction. "Another reason for holding tuition this year is that we didn't want to burden the student with the state's budget cuts," stated Harlan Shreve, Interim Director in the Business Office. "We have decided to try and to reduce expenses through operational efficiencies."

Faculty, Staff Participate In A Week of Multi-Cultural, Appalachian Events



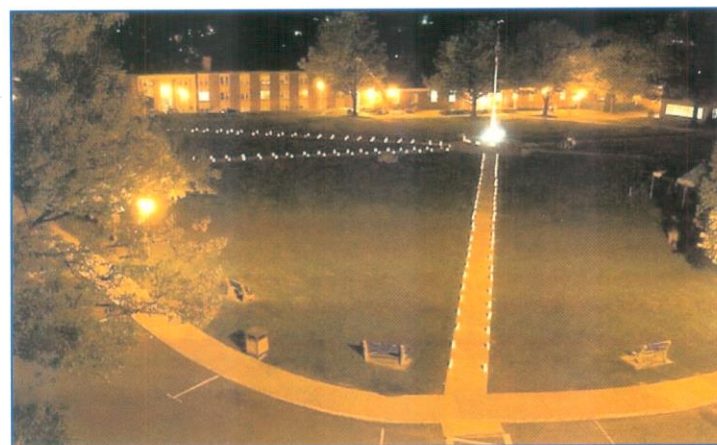
Mary Spalding, left, an English instructor, displayed some of her colorful needlework at the Appalachian Day celebration during Multi-Cultural Week. Also pictured is Katherine Moore, visiting instructor in foreign languages.

Musical entertainment for Appalachia Day was provided by the Woodticks, an old-time string band. Included in the group are (l-r) Rachel Eddy on banjo; Keith McManus on fiddle; Professor Fred Jacoby (who joined in to play with the group) on the bodhran drum, a traditional Irish drum; and Karen Wade on rhythm guitar.





ment, and an essay detailing how our SSS program at PSC has helped the student to achieve academic success. PSC will award Justin his A.A. Degree in Biology on May 8.



product of the Governor's Summit on Alcohol in Higher Education Program. The committee won a grant to sponsor a series of events throughout the academic year promoting Alcohol Awareness and Prevention.



Tim Nichols, Director of Student Support Services (SSS), left, presents Justin Rigglesman, a sophomore SSS participant who intends to transfer to WVU in the fall, with the West Virginia Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (WVAEOPP) Scholarship. He is one of two college students in the state to be selected to receive this scholarship valued at \$250. The award is made on the basis of scholarship, community involvement, achievement,

On the quad area of Potomac State College of West Virginia University 180 luminaries were lit Thursday evening in memory of the 180 victims who have died in alcohol-related crashes in the state of West Virginia in the past year. This event was coordinated by a campus committee comprised of Student Affairs staff as a by-

Interim President Kerry Odell, left, is pictured with the recently inducted members into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. Inducted over the weekend were, from left, Former Coach and Professor Larry Bolyard, Robert Eaton III (1973-1975), Jerry Kelican (1957 to 1959). Athletic Director Shawn White presented the men with their plaques.

Spend Spring Break 2005 in England

Deanna Armentrout, instructor in English at Potomac State College of WVU, is planning a trip to England during next year's Spring Break with students and any faculty or staff interested in going.

"We will be offering British literature next year (Fall 2004 & Spring 2005), so I thought next year's Spring Break would be a perfect opportunity for a trip to England. The trip is not just for the literature students, though; it is really an affordable opportunity for all of the college's students, faculty, staff, and community members to travel abroad and experience a 'global classroom,'" said Armentrout.

Some of the sight-seeing highlights of the trip will be Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle, and St. Paul's Cathedral. We will also visit the British Museum, the Globe Theatre, Stonehenge, Bath, Stratford (the birthplace of Shakespeare), and Oxford University. We will enjoy an Elizabethan banquet and attend two theater performances.

For more information contact Deanne Armentrout at (304) 788-6954 or DLBrooke@mail.wvu.edu.



Fall 2004 SARS

These Student Advising and Registration events will be held at the Church-McKee Arts Center and will run approximately from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Monday, May 10
Friday, June 11
Monday, June 21
Monday, July 12
Friday, August 6
Monday, August 16
(12 to 6 p.m.)